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**MEDIA RELEASE**

Fatal Traffic Crash on Highway 81 in Avon Township

**For Immediate Release**

Date: November 23, 2019  
Case: SO1959683

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On November 22, 2019 at 6:01 p.m. Rock County Sheriff's Deputies, Town of Beloit Police, Fire and Emergency Medical personnel from Orfordville, Beloit, and the Town of Beloit, and MD-1 responded to a traffic crash on West Highway 81 by West Beloit Newark Road in the Town of Avon, Rock County, WI. Witnesses reported a gray Toyota Corolla was on Highway 81 attempting to pass another vehicle when it struck a red Mazda SUV head on. The driver of the gray Toyota, a 62 year old man from Juda, WI, was pinned in the vehicle and suffered life threatening injuries from the crash and was pronounced dead at the scene by Rock County Medical Examiner personnel. The driver of the red Mazda, a 20 year old man from Benton, WI, was partially pinned under the vehicle and suffered serious injuries and was transported to Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center in Janesville, WI.

West Highway 81 between West Beloit Newark Road and South County Highway K was shut down and traffic was re-routed for approximately six hours. The Rock County Highway Department responded to set up a detour route. Rock County Sheriff's Office Accident Reconstruction Team responded to assist with the investigation. The crash is still under investigation. The driver's name will be released by the Medical Examiner's Office pending notification to the family.

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